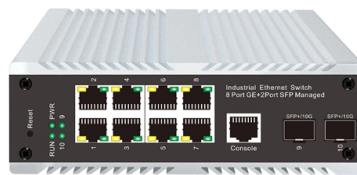


What amperage socket should a data center rack be equipped with



AI Overview

Data center racks are typically equipped with IEC C13 sockets rated for 10–15A and IEC C19 sockets rated for 16–20A, with higher-capacity industrial connectors used for high-density or three-phase setups.

Standard Socket Types

- IEC C13/C14:** The most common sockets in data center racks, C13 (female) paired with C14 (male inlet), are rated for 10–15 amps and are suitable for standard servers, small switches, and low-power devices.
- IEC C19/C20:** For high-power equipment such as blade servers, enterprise switches, or AI hardware, C19 (female) paired with C20 (male inlet) sockets are rated for 16–20 amps and can safely handle sustained high current loads.
- NEMA Connectors:** In North American facilities, NEMA L6-20 (20A at 240V) and L6-30 (30A at 240V) are commonly used for single-phase high-power devices, while L21-20 and L21-30 support three-phase power for high-density racks.

High-Density and Industrial Options

For racks with very high power demands, CEE industrial plug sockets or wall-mounted receptacles rated at 16A, 32A, or 63A are used. These connectors support three-phase power, prevent accidental disconnection, and are suitable for modular PDUs in high-density environments.

PDU Considerations

Rack-mounted PDUs often combine multiple C13 and C19 sockets to accommodate a mix of low- and high-power devices. A common configuration is 36 C13 sockets and 6 C19 sockets per PDU, which allows for future expansion and redundancy.

Selecting sockets should match the power requirements of the installed equipment and consider A/B feed redundancy for uninterrupted operation.

Summary

- Low-power devices: IEC C13 (10–15A)
- High-power servers/blade chassis: IEC C19 (16–20A)
- Three-phase or very high-density racks: NEMA L21-20/30 or CEE 32–63A industrial connectors

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